

Amended claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for use by a portable processing device for accessing information in a patient record incorporating a plurality of different sections ~~information~~, comprising the steps ~~activities~~ of:

receiving user entered information identifying at least one patient record to be acquired and a ~~content-portion~~ particular section of a patient record to be acquired;

generating a URL link for accessing a patient record repository, said generated URL link including an address of said repository and containing fields incorporating said information identifying said ~~content-portion~~ particular section of said patient record and said patient record;

communicating said generated URL link to an application used for accessing said repository; and

receiving said identified particular patient record ~~content-portion~~ section in response to said communication.

2. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said particular section of said patient record is associated with a particular type of patient medical data and

31 said receiving step activity also includes,

receiving information identifying a desired format for said patient record to be acquired.

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, including the step activity of,

receiving configuration information determining at least one of, (a) a URL of a patient record repository, (b) a proxy server address, (c) user logon information, (d) lists of patients to be accessed, (e) content type of a patient record and (f) format of a patient record.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, including the step activity of

generating a notification indication for display to a user indicating said identified particular patient record ~~content-portion~~ section has been received.

5. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said received particular patient record ~~content-portion~~ section comprises HTML web page representative information.

6. (Currently Amended) In a system including a patient record repository, a method for communicating with a portable processing device for accessing information in a patient record incorporating a plurality of different sections ~~information~~, comprising the steps activities of:

receiving URL link data fields containing information identifying a patient record and a ~~content-portion~~ particular section of said patient record;

deriving said information identifying a patient record and a ~~content-portion~~ particular section of said patient record information from said URL link data fields;

searching said patient record repository to locate said identified particular patient record ~~content-portion~~ section;

communicating said located particular patient record ~~content-portion~~ section to a portable processing device.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for use by a portable processing device for providing updated patient record information to a patient record information repository, comprising the steps activities of:

initiating display of a data collection page for a patient;

storing updated patient record information acquired by user data entry via said data collection page;

generating a URL link including an address of said repository and containing fields incorporating said updated patient record information and information identifying a patient record section; and

communicating said updated patient record information to said information repository at said address in response to user selection of a displayed menu icon.

8. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 7, wherein said ~~step~~ activity of communicating said updated patient record information comprises communicating said updated patient record section information via said URL data field to said information repository.

9. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 8, including the step activity of

identifying updated patient record information different from information previously communicated to said information repository; and wherein

said step activity of communicating said updated patient record information comprises communicating said different updated patient record information via said URL data field to said information repository.

10. (Original) A method according to claim 7, wherein said data collection page comprises an HTML page.

11. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 7, including the step activity of

time-stamping updated patient record section information acquired by user data entry via said data collection page.

12. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 11, wherein said step activity of storing updated patient record section information comprises storing time-stamped updated patient record section information.

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13. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 12, wherein said step activity of communicating said updated patient record section information comprises communicating said time-stamped updated patient record section information.

14. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 7, including the step activity of

communicating said identified updated data collection page by Email to a remote application in response to user selection of a displayed menu icon.

15. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 7, including the step activity of

providing a menu supporting user customization of a data collection page for a particular patient.

16. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 7, including the step activity of

initiating display of a patient record contents menu comprising a plurality of links to a corresponding plurality of ~~portions~~ sections of a patient record including a link to a patient data collection page in response to user selection of a link to said patient record section.

17. (Currently Amended) In a system including a patient record repository, a method for communicating with a portable processing device for accessing patient record information, comprising the steps activities of:

receiving URL data fields incorporating updated patient record information and patient record section identification information;

deriving said patient record section identification information and said updated patient record information from said URL link data fields; and

storing said updated patient record information in a record section identified by said patient record section identification information.

BI 18. (Currently Amended) A method for use by a portable processing device for providing updated patient record information to a patient record information repository, comprising the steps activities of:

initiating display of a data collection page for a patient including data previously recorded for said patient;

storing updated patient record information including additions and deletions to said previously recorded data acquired by user data entry via said data collection page;

generating a URL link including an address of said repository and containing fields incorporating said updated patient record information and information identifying a patient record section; and

communicating URL data fields including said updated patient record information to said information repository at said address in response to user selection of a displayed menu icon.

19. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 18, including the step activity of

identifying updated patient record information not previously communicated to said information repository, and wherein said communicating step activity comprises

communicating URL data fields including said identified updated patient record information not previously communicated to said information repository.

20. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 18, including the step activity of

time-stamping updated patient record information acquired by user data entry via said data collection page.
